

Professional Organizations

American College Personnel Association (ACPA)

<http://www2.myacpa.org/comm/profprep/directory/>

Annual Conference: March 24-28, 2012, Louisville, KY

Mission: ACPA - College Student Educators International is an association whose members are dedicated to enhancing the worth, dignity, potential, and uniqueness of each individual within post-secondary educational institutions and, thus, to the service of society. ACPA members are committed to contributing to the comprehensive education of students, protecting human rights, advancing knowledge of student growth and development, and promoting the effectiveness of institutional programs, services, and organizational units. As a means of supporting these commitments, members of ACPA subscribe to the following principles and standards of ethical conduct. Acceptance of membership in ACPA signifies that the member understands the provisions of this statement.

This statement is designed to address issues particularly relevant to college student affairs practice. Persons charged with duties in various functional areas of higher education are also encouraged to consult ethical standards specific to their professional responsibilities.

National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)

<http://www.nasp.org/career/gradprograms/>

Annual Conference: March 10-14, 2012, Phoenix, AZ

Mission: NASPA, student affairs administrators in higher education, is the leading voice for student affairs administration, policy and practice and affirms the commitment of student affairs to educating the whole student and integrating student life and learning. With over 9,400 members at 1,400 campuses, and representing 29 countries, NASPA is the largest professional association for student affairs administrators, faculty and graduate students. NASPA members are committed to serving college students by embracing the core values of diversity, learning, integrity, service, fellowship and the spirit of inquiry.

NASPA members serve a variety of functions and roles including the vice president and dean for student life as well as professionals working within housing and residence life, student unions, student activities, counseling, career development, orientation, enrollment management, racial and ethnic minority support services, and retention and assessment. NASPA serves its members through a wide range of services, including outstanding quarterly publications such as the *NASPA Journal* and *Leadership Exchange*, a management magazine, a variety of professional development opportunities for student affairs individuals at all levels within the profession, and a comprehensive, content-rich website that is the most widely accessed website in the student affairs association community.

Pennsylvania College Personnel Association (PCPA)

http://paproviders.org/Pages/annual_conference.shtml

Annual Conference: October 11-14, 2011

Mission:

- Provide leadership in the student development profession
- Embrace and advocate programs and environments that uphold human understanding
- Enhance the higher education environment in the state of Pennsylvania
- Develop a representative voice to influence trends affecting the profession
- Support collaborative opportunities for student development professionals
- Foster a supportive and collegial network
- Encourage the professional development and leadership of rising and new professionals

As an indication of our commitment to this mission, PCPA is proud to have been honored as a three-time recipient of the ACPA Outstanding State Division Award.

Other organizations of interest:

American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) <http://www.aacrao.org/>

Annual Conference: TBA

Mission: To provide professional development, guidelines and voluntary standards to be used by higher education officials regarding the best practices in records management, admissions, enrollment management, administrative information technology and student services. It also provides a forum for discussion regarding policy initiation and development, interpretation and implementation at the institutional level and in the global educational community.

American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)
<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/>

Annual Conference: April 21-24, 2011, Orlando, FL

Mission: To advance the recognition of the role of community colleges in serving society today. By providing advocacy, leadership and service for community colleges, the Association will play a key role in assisting the nation as it passes from the industrial era of the 20 century to the new knowledge-based society of the 21st century.

Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE)

<http://www.ashe.ws/>

Annual Conference: November 16-19, 2011, Charlotte, NC

Mission: The Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) promotes collaboration among its members and others engaged in the study of higher education through research, conferences, and publications, including its highly regarded journal, *The Review of Higher Education*. ASHE values rigorous scholarly approaches to the study of higher education and practical applications of systemic inquiry.

ASHE is a scholarly society with about 1,900 members dedicated to higher education as a field of study. It is committed to diversity in its programs and membership, and has enjoyed extraordinary success in involving graduate students in Association activities.

Association of College and University Housing Officers—International (ACUHO-I) <http://www.acuho-i.org>

Annual Conference: July 7-10, 2012, Anaheim, CA

Mission: In response to an unprecedented rise in college enrollment after World War II, and the subsequent concerns of housing and feeding this growing student population, the Association of College and University Housing Officers was officially organized in 1951-52. In 1980, the "I" was added to the ACUHO name, indicating the membership's commitment to international expansion. Today, ACUHO-I boasts a membership of over 5,800 individuals, from over 900 colleges and universities, serving 1.8 million students worldwide, and over 205 companies.

Association of Conference and Events Directors—International (ACED-I)

https://www.acced-i.org/imis_web/scriptcontent/index.cfm?section=home

Annual Conference: TBA

Mission: To improve, promote and recognize excellence in the collegiate conference and events profession.

Association of Fraternity Advisors (AFA)

<http://www.fraternityadvisors.org/>

Annual Conference: November 30-December 4, 2011, St. Louis, MO

Mission: Because we believe fraternity/sorority professionals and volunteers are valuable in higher education and are essential to the interfraternal movement, the mission of the Association of Fraternity Advisors Foundation is to obtain and provide ongoing financial support and resources in an effort to aid the Association of Fraternity Advisors in the fulfillment of its educational objectives.

Association of Higher Education and Disabilities (AHEAD)

<http://www.ahead.org/>

Annual Conference: July 9-14, 2012, New Orleans, LA

Mission: AHEAD is the premiere professional association committed to full participation of persons with disabilities in postsecondary education. As an international resource, AHEAD:

- values diversity, personal growth and development, and creativity
- promotes leadership and exemplary practices
- provides professional development and disseminates information
- orchestrates resources through partnership and collaboration

AHEAD dynamically addresses current and emerging issues with respect to disability, education, and accessibility to achieve universal access.

Since 1977 AHEAD has delivered quality training to higher education personnel through conferences, workshops, publications and consultation. AHEAD members represent a diverse network of professionals who actively address disability issues on their campuses and in the field of higher education.

Collegiate Information and Visitor Services Association (CiVSA)

<http://www.civsa.org/>

Annual Conference: June 4-8, 2012, Denver, CO

Mission: Promote and enhance the profession of collegiate information and visitors services. CiVSA provides an arena for the exchange of ideas and practices and sets the standards for excellence in the profession by inspiring and supporting individuals who serve in key administrative roles at the gateways to institutions of higher learning.

Council on Law in Higher Education (CLHE)

<http://www.clhe.org/>

Mission: To be an invaluable and independent resource for higher education leaders and policymakers seeking comprehensive information and practical solutions which address the legal and policy issues affecting our nation's higher education system.

Eastern Association of Colleges and Employers, Inc (EACE)

<http://www.eace.org/>

Annual Conference: June 4-6, 2012, Portland, ME

Mission: On a regional level, develop working relationships and promote the exchange of ideas and information among those concerned with the career development and employment of the college educated.

Institute of International Education (IIE)

<http://www.iie.org/>

Mission:

- Promoting closer educational relations between the people of the United States and those of other countries.
- Strengthening and linking institutions of higher learning globally.
- Rescuing threatened scholars and advancing academic freedom.
- Building leadership skills and enhancing the capacity of individuals and organizations to address local and global challenges.

Middle States Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admission Officers (MSACRAO)

<http://www.msacroa.org/>

Annual Conference: November 28-December 1, 2011, Atlantic City, NJ

Mission: To perpetuate, encourage, and expand the professional education development of its membership, to promote the exchange of ideas on educational problems, to advance the areas of admission, financial planning, institutional research, records and registration, and student services.

Mid-Atlantic Association of College & University Housing Officers (MACUHO) <http://www.macuho.org/>

Annual Conference: October 26-28, 2011, Reading, PA

Mission: The purpose of the Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers is to serve our members through opportunities for professional development and education, networking and interaction, and access to research and current trend information. Association activities and decisions are based on the principles of inclusion, collaboration, involvement from a diverse population of practitioners, and mentoring of current and future colleagues.

National Academic Advising Association (NACADA)

<http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/>

Annual Conference: February 9-11, 2012, San Diego, CA

Mission: To promote and support quality academic advising in institutions of higher education to enhance the educational development of students. NACADA provides a forum for discussion, debate, and the exchange of ideas pertaining to academic advising through numerous activities and publications. NACADA also serves as an advocate for effective academic advising by providing a Consultants Bureau, an Awards Program, and funding for Research related to academic advising.

National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics (N4A)

<http://www.nfoura.org/index.php>

Annual Conference: June 11-14, 2009, Miami Beach, FL

Mission: The National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics is a diverse organization of service professionals who promote the integrity of their profession by providing guiding principles and quality services to support one another as they share information, resources and expertise in their efforts to empower student-athletes to become more productive individuals through educational and personal development.

National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)

<http://www.nacacnet.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Annual Conference: October 4-6, 2012, Denver, CO

Mission: The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), founded in 1937, is an organization of more than 9,000 professionals from around the world dedicated to serving students as they make choices about pursuing postsecondary education.

NACAC is committed to maintaining high standards that foster ethical and social responsibility among those involved in the transition process.

National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH)

<http://www.nacurh.org/>

Annual Conference: TBA

Mission: NACURH is the leading national organization advocating for the interests and welfare of residence hall students, while also providing opportunities for their personal growth and development. It is an organization of students committed to developing leadership, honoring diversity, recognizing achievement, as well as stimulating engagement and involvement among students who reside in college and university residence halls. Through regional and national programs and services, NACURH provides leadership opportunities for students, shares residence hall programming resources and best practices, and coordinates activities with appropriate professional associations and business partners.

National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals (NAGAP)

<http://www.nagap.org/>

Annual Conference: April 25-28, 2012, Austin, TX

Mission: The National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals is the only professional organization devoted exclusively to the concerns of individuals working in the graduate admissions and recruitment environment. NAGAP is committed to serving the needs and interests of graduate admissions professionals.

National Association of Student Affairs Professionals (NASAP)

<http://www.nasap.net/>

Annual Conference: February 7-11, 2012, Norfolk, VA

Mission: NASAP is a professional organization dedicated to promoting excellence in the area of student affairs. The organization serves as a beacon for student affairs personnel addressing the issues and needs of today's college students. With a varied membership spanning across academic, administrative, corporate, and student affairs boundaries, the organization offers a variety of resources and experiences.

National Orientation Directors Association (NODA)

<http://www.nodaweb.org/>

Annual Conference: October 30-November 2, 2011, New Orleans, LA

Mission: To provide education, leadership and professional development in the fields of college student orientation, transition and retention.